GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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EXPANSION AND DEVELOPMENT OF NATIONAL HIGHWAYS
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the allocation for the expansion and development of National Highways in the country has been continuously increasing;

(b) if so, the details of the funds allocated and released to each State including Maharashtra for the purpose during the last three years and the current year;

(c) the funds utilized by each State during the said period;

(d) the reason for under-utilization of allocated funds;

(e) the steps taken by the Government to ensure proper utilization of the allocated funds; and

(f) the funds allocated and released for road safety programme, State-wise during the last three years and current year?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) : Yes, Sir, except in the year 2006-07.

(b) & (c) : State-wise and year-wise details of allocation and utilization of funds for expansion and development of National Highways during the last three years and current year are given in Annexure.

(d): There have been some short falls in a few States. Reasons for under-utlization of allocated funds by some of the States have been due to prolonged rainy season, availability of less working season, delay in land acquisition, delay in shifting of utilities, laws and order problems, poor performance by some contractors, etc.

(e) The progress of works and utilization of funds are regularly monitored by the Ministry at different levels and necessary instructions to all executive agencies are issued from time to time.

(f) Funds allocated to this Ministry for Road Safety are utilized for implementing the schemes − Awareness Campaign for Road Safety, Refresher Training to Heavy Motor Vehicle drivers, Setting up of Model Driver Training School and for National Highways Accident Relief Service under which the cranes and ambulances are procured and provided to the State/UT Governments and NGOs for post accident care. Funds earmarked for road safety programmes/schemes are not allocated State-wise, however the details of funds allocated and spent on road safety programmes/schemes by this Ministry during the last three years and current year are as under :-

(Rs. in crore)

Year	Funds Allocated	Funds Spent
2005-06	43.50	29.70
2006-07	47.00	43.25
2007-08	52.00	42.87
2008-09	73.00	